

Remarks

Claims 1-34 are pending, and claims 1-34 stand rejected. Claim 18 has been amended. The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and request allowance of claims 1-34.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 9-23, and 26-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent number 5,319,699 (Kerihuel) in view of Martin et al. (US 6,631,275). Claim 1 requires “a first switching system configured to receive a registration request from an end user wireless call device without an assigned telephone number, and process the registration request to generate a registration message” (emphases added). The examiner equates the portable wireless digital telephones T1 – Tn in Kerihuel to the end user wireless device without an assigned telephone number in the current invention (see page 2 section 2 of the current office action). The portable wireless digital telephones in Kerihuel have an assigned telephone number and do not use a temporary number. Column 2 lines 29 – 32 show that each subscriber in Kerihuel is assigned a number selected from the public switched telephone networks numbering plan. This number is stored in the data base accessed by SCPs 14 and 15 and is used as the number called to reach the subscribers wireless telephone (column 7 lines 50 – 55). The only temporary numbers used in Kerihuel are the base station numbers that are temporarily entered as the current “primary” base station. Base stations are not “an end user wireless call device” as required by claim 1. The prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. *In re Royka*, 490 F.2d 981, 180 USPQ 580 (CCPA 1974). Because Kerihuel does not have “an end user wireless call device without an assigned telephone number” claim 1 is allowable as written.

The end user wireless phones in Martin also have assigned numbers. The abstract of Martin indicates that a pseudonumber is temporarily used in place of a called number in communication with the terminal while the caller finishes typing in the called number. But the phone being used to make the call has an assigned permanent number.

Based on the above comments, the Applicants submit that the examiner has not met the requirements for a *prima facie* case of obviousness.

Claims 2 – 17 are dependent on allowable claim 1 and are therefore allowable.

Claim 18 has been amended to make it clear that the wireless end user device does not have an assigned telephone number. Therefore the arguments for claim 1 (above) apply to claim

18 and claim 18 is allowable.

Claims 19 – 34 are dependent on allowable claim 18 and are therefore allowable.

Conclusion

Based on the above remarks, the Applicants submit that claims 1-34 are allowable. There may be additional reasons in support of patentability, but such reasons are omitted in the interests of brevity. The Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 1-34.

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Respectfully submitted,

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